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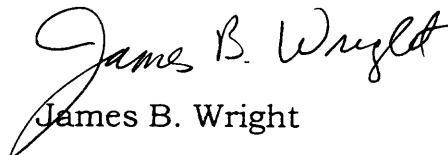
RE: *Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's
Triennial Review Order- 9 month proceeding – Loop and Transport*
Docket No. 03-0000527
Sprint Petition to Intervene

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed please find an original and thirteen copies of the Sprint Communications Company L.P. and United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. Joint Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. Also enclosed is a check for fifty (\$50.00) dollars for the filing fee for the two companies. Copies of this filing are being provided to counsel of record in the TRA mass market switching docket, No. 03-00491.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


James B. Wright

Enclosure

cc: Director Pat Miller as Hearing Officer
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BEFORE THE
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Triennial Review Order – 9 Month Proceeding – Loop and Transport
Docket No.03-00527

UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC. AND
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.
JOINT PETITION TO INTERVENE

United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (jointly "Sprint") pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310 and T.C.A. § 65-2-107, hereby jointly petition for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, and in support thereof state as follows:

1. United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. is a Virginia Corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of Tennessee as an incumbent local exchange company, furnishes local exchange telephone service and other telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Authority. Sprint Communications Company L.P. is a Delaware partnership authorized to conduct business in the state of Tennessee as an interexchange and competitive local exchange company, furnishes telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Authority. Accordingly, each of the Sprint companies provides telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee.

2. This Petition to Intervene is file pursuant to the October 27, 2003 Order Establishing Procedural Schedule issued by Director Pat Miller as Hearing Officer in this case.

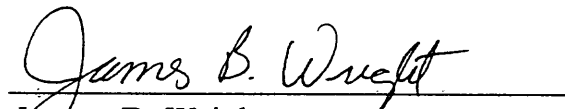
3. The Sprint companies respectfully request that they be granted leave to intervene and participate as parties in the above-captioned proceeding in that as telecommunications service providers, the decisions regarding the determination of unbundled network elements and the continued availability thereof which is the subject this proceeding may directly affect their legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests.

4. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention.

WHEREFORE, the Sprint companies pray:

1. That they be permitted to intervene in this proceeding and participate as parties.
2. That they have such other and further relief to which they may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.
UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC.



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